

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment to allowed Claims 1 and 13 after mailing of a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR 1.312. The amendments do not remove from the claims any subject matter that was previously recited in the claims. The amendments do not add to the claims any subject matter that was not previously recited in the claims. The amendment is needed in order to improve the readability, clarity, and conciseness of the claims. The amended claims will not require any further search or consideration because the amendment does not affect the scope of the claims. The claims are patentable for the reasons expressed by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in their decision of May 28, 2010. The amendments were not presented earlier because a Notice of Allowance was the immediately next communication following said decision, and no other action in the interim was mailed to the Applicants to which they could reply. Therefore, entry of the amendments to Claims 1 and 12 is respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, entry and allowance of the amendments is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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